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**USTR ANNOUNCES ALLOCATION OF THE RAW CANE
SUGAR TARIFF-RATE QUOTA FOR 1999-2000**

United States Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky today announced the country-by-country allocations of 1,135,000 metric tons (1,251,123 short tons) of the raw cane sugar tariff rate quota for Fiscal Year 2000. These allocations are based on the countries' historical trade to the United States.

The 1,135,000 metric tons for raw cane sugar are being allocated to the following countries in metric tons, raw value:

<u>Country</u>	<u>FY2000 Allocation</u>
Argentina	45,283
Australia	87,408
Barbados	7,372
Belize	11,584
Bolivia	8,425
Brazil	152,700
Colombia	25,274
Congo	7,258
Cote d'Ivoire	7,258
Costa Rica	15,797
Dominican Republic	185,346
Ecuador	11,584
El Salvador	27,381
Fiji	9,478
Gabon	7,258
Guatemala	50,549
Guyana	12,637
Haiti	7,258
Honduras	10,531

India	8,425
Jamaica	11,584
Madagascar	7,258
Malawi	10,531
Mauritius	12,637
Mexico	25,000
Mozambique	13,690
Nicaragua	22,115
Panama	30,540
Papua New Guinea	7,258
Paraguay	7,258
Peru	43,177
Philippines	142,169
South Africa	24,221
St. Kitts & Nevis	7,258
Swaziland	16,850
Taiwan	12,637
Thailand	14,743
Trinidad-Tobago	7,372
Uruguay	7,258
Zimbabwe	<u>12,637</u>

Total 1,135,000

This allocation includes the following minimum-quota countries: Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Haiti, Madagascar, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, St. Kitts & Nevis, and Uruguay.

Under the NAFTA, the United States is to provide total access for raw and refined sugar from Mexico of 25,000 metric tons, raw value, for this quota period in conjunction with Mexico's net surplus producer status. The 25,000 metric tons, raw value, of raw cane sugar allocated to Mexico pursuant to the NAFTA are subject to the condition that the total imports of raw and refined sugar from Mexico, combined, are not to exceed 25,000 metric tons raw value. The allocations of the raw sugar tariff-rate quota to countries that are net importers of sugar are conditioned on receipt of the appropriate verifications. Conversion factor: 1 metric ton = 1.10231125 short tons.

United States Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky announced the country allocations for the refined sugar and sugar-containing products tariff-rate quotas on October 1, 1999 (USTR Press Release 99-82) and published notice of the country allocations for those quotas in the Federal Register on October 7, 1999 (Federal Register Volume 61, Number 1941, page 54719).